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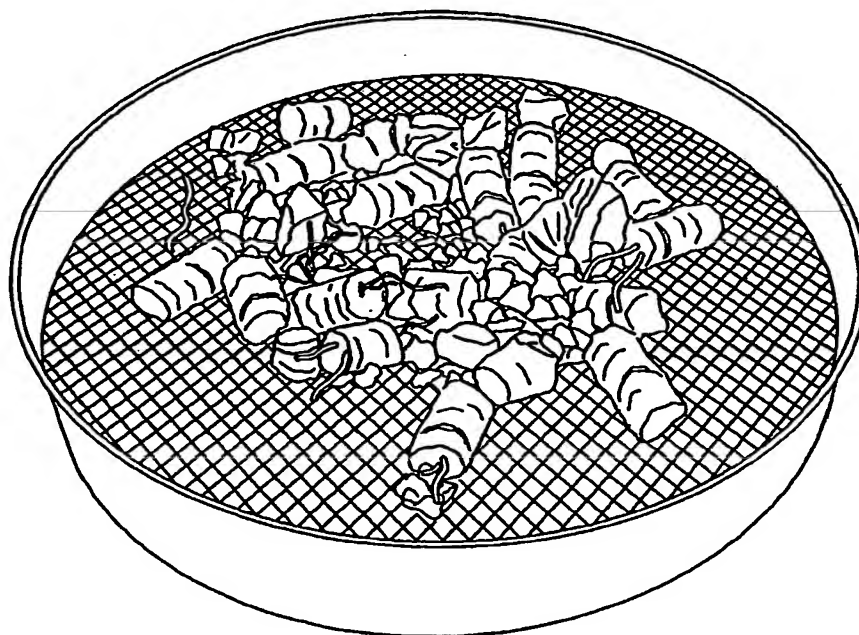
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(57) Abstract: A method and assembly are described to dry soil for use in testing a variety of physical and chemical parameters such as phosphorus content. The method broadly involves the steps of particle size reduction, subjecting the sample to an airflow and also heating of the soil sample. It is the inventors experience that by use of the method of the present invention, samples can be prepared for accurate analysis with as little as 20 minutes rather than the more traditional methods which take 20 to 24 hours.

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